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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure Requested
Examining Group. 3618

In re application of : Jean-François GONTHIER

Serial No. : 09/835,638

Group Art Unit: 3618

Filed : April 17, 2001

Examiner: J. Allen Shriver

For : BINDING FOR RETAINING A BOOT ON A GLIDING OR ROLLING APPARATUS

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
- No Additional Fee.

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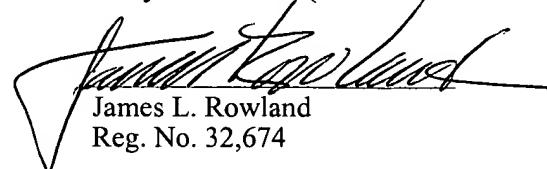
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A Check in the amount of \$.84.00 to cover the filing fee is included.

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 24, 2003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated January 24, 2003, please enter the following amendments to the instant application.

The amendments are being submitted using the revised format set forth in the Notice, dated January 31, 2003, issued by the Office of Patent Legal Administration (signed by Deputy Commissioner Stephen Kunin), entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

The Notice explains that the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121(a), (b), (c), and (d) are waived.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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